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From: "S Strommen" [redacted]

Subject: Re: addtional text for coutnerfeit detectors and scales

To: "Thomas Serfass [redacted]

Sorry, I missed this. Attached.

--- Thomas Serfass <thomas_serfass@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Hey Sue: I scurried over to Eric's and reaped a
> bonanza. Here are the details:
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> Counterfeit detector
> In polished wooden box, an elaborate grid system
> covered by two sheets of french glass. One could put
> a genuine bill, bond etc. in the top and could then
> compare it to a suspect note grid by grid to compare
> locations of ornaments, signtures, portraits etc.
> Patented (1916) by former Secret Service agent
> Thomas Porter, whose Porter counterfeit detector
> company operated out of Chicago in early twentieth
> century.
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> Fairbanks infallible counterfeit detector in
> polished wooden box with fold out front. Nickel
> deteceting device checks from one dollar to twenty
> dollars, both gold and silver coin. circa 1880.
> Harrison's patent is clearly indicated.
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> Scales
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> The scale in the blond wooden box which I screwed
> in is an English scale and I was correct on the
> time, late 19th century. It was a portable scale,
> like a chess set, that could be easily carried in an
> overcoat pocket.
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> colonial scales
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> circa 1784. American scale with valuations good in
> New York, Pennsylvania, and sterling. Scale and
> weights.
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> Confederation period (1784-1790)
> scale with weights. Table inside scale box with
> Congressoinally approved foreign coinage and its
> "official" value.
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